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11. EconOff relayed reftel demarche on October 29 to Juan Luis Munoz de Laborde, MFA's Deputy Director for Economic Multilateral Relations. EconOff asked that Spain support the U.S. candidacy for Category A membership to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) council. Munoz de Laborde expressed Spain's support by saying that because U.S. maritime interests were so strong, U.S. membership should continue in the same category. Munoz de Laborde confirmed that Spain would re-seek Category B membership.

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